



Date: February 5, 2018

Dear Interested Citizen:

The Carson Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (Forest) is initiating a comment period for a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Education Land Grant Act Transfer of National Forest System Land to Washoe County School District #52446, displaying the proposed action and potential effects of the project. The Forest is proposing to convey approximately 60 acres of National Forest System land in accordance with the Educational Land Grant Act (ELGA) to the Washoe County School District (WCSD). If conveyed, the WCSD would use the land to development of a school campus. The Project Area is located in southwest Reno, Washoe County at the intersection of Thomas Creek Road and Arrowcreek Parkway. Specifically, the project area is located at T. 18 N., R. 19 E., Sec. 24 S ½ SE ¼, excepting that portion conveyed by U.S. Patent No. 27-96-0035.

The preliminary EA, including the proposed action, is available for review and can be downloaded from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52446>. To obtain a hard copy of the preliminary EA and proposed action please contact *Irene Davidson, Carson District Ranger, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, 1536 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV, 89701, 775 884-8100 idavidson@fs.fed.us*.

This preliminary EA is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Furthermore, issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed conveyance or activity and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

HOW TO COMMENT AND TIMEFRAMES

The Forest Service will accept comments on the preliminary EA for 30 days following publication of the opportunity to comment legal notice in the Reno- Gazette Journal, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

Please submit your comments on the proposal website, at <https://cara.ecosystem-managment.org/Public/CommentInput?project=52446>. If your computer is not compatible with the website, try using a different web browser, or you can email comments to: comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-carson@fs.fed.us. All formal comments on the EA must be submitted in writing.

In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

The Forest Service will host an open house forum meeting to discuss the preliminary EA and the Forest Service's decision to be made. The meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on February 22, 2018 at



the South Valley Library Diamond Room, located at 15650-A Wedge Parkway, Reno, NV 89511.
The meeting will include a brief introduction of the proposed land conveyance by the Forest Service followed by an opportunity to discuss with Forest staff members.

Sincerely,



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